

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 4 are amended.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview between the Examiner and applicant's representatives on July 9, 2009. A Summary of Substance of Interview was filed on August 3, 2009.

Further to the discussion in the interview, Applicant has amended the claims as agreed upon. More specifically, claims 1 and 4 are amended to recite that the *elastic body is mounted on a same side as protruding projections of the backscratcher when the elastic portion is mounted to the portion of the backscratcher*, which is believed to overcome the rejection in view of the discussion during the interview. Further, allowable dependent claim 3 is rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the intervening and independent claims.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in proper condition for allowance. Thus, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,
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